

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 761

By Henry

A RESOLUTION to honor Catholic Charities of Tennessee, Inc.,  
on the occasion of its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

WHEREAS, every major faith tradition practiced in Tennessee, including the Roman Catholic Church, has a primary tenet addressing the responsibility of its practitioners to care for those in need; and

WHEREAS, the Catholic Church in Tennessee has cared for those in need for the nearly 175 years since its recognized establishment in the state, both through structured initiatives and through the individual efforts of its congregants; and

WHEREAS, Church leaders, including Bishop William L. Adrian, seventh Bishop of Nashville, recognized the need in the late 1950s and early 1960s to incorporate the diocese's social service activities in order to respond to anticipated needs resulting from the Cuban revolution and other major events that might follow; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Charities of Tennessee, Inc. was incorporated by the State of Tennessee through Secretary of State Joe C. Carr on July 17, 1962 to serve Tennesseans in need; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Charities of Tennessee, through its incorporation, was charged with "engaging in general charitable undertakings and endeavors, including, but not limited to, affording shelter, protection, food, clothing, education, medical care and maintenance in general of orphans, homeless, wandering, refugee and dependent children"; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Charities of Tennessee, through its incorporation, was further charged with "the power to engage in the undertakings of a child-caring and child placing and adoption agency; and, further to relieve distress of every kind and to improve the conditions of poor and needy persons"; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Charities of Tennessee today performs acts of love, goodwill and kindness in order to advocate and provide services that enhance and enrich the quality of life for people in need, regardless of religious, ethnic, cultural or racial background; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Charities of Tennessee today is involved in a multitude of services including adoptions and parental support, counseling, refugee and immigrant services, senior services, education and job training, basic needs (including feeding, housing and clothing assistance), and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Charities of Tennessee, Inc. provided aid to more than 69,000 people residing in thirty-eight counties of Middle Tennessee last year; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Charities of Tennessee, Inc. will recognize the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its incorporation on July 17, 2012; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Catholic Charities of Tennessee, Inc. upon its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and commend its continuing exemplary efforts to provide comfort and assistance to our fellow Tennesseans and the entire world in their time of need.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.